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SUBJ: WESTERN NEWSMEN INVITED TO LEAVE SAIGON

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WESTERN PRESS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO LEAVE VIET NAM, ACCORDING TO A STORY BEING CIRCULATED BY AN INDIAN JOURNALIST RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM SAIGON. NAYAN CHANDA, A WRITER FOR THE FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW AND REUTERS HAS INFORMED LOCAL JOURNALISTS THAT HE WAS ADVISED BY THE PRG THAT QUOTE THIS WAS NOT A GOOD TIME FOR HIM TO BE IN SAIGON. UNQUOTE. CHANDA REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT ALAN DAWSON (UPI) AND OTHER WESTERN NEWSMEN HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE SAME HINT. CHANDA STATED THAT HE DEPARTED SAIGON FOR HANOI LAST WEEK ABOARD A DOMESTIC VIETNAMESE AIRLINE WHICH HAS TWO TO THREE FLIGHTS TO HANOI PER DAY.

2. CHADA, WHO IS KNOWN TO BE WELL DISPOSED TO THE PRG, SPECULATED THAT OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES (I.E. USSR AND PRC) MIGHT HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF WESTERN NEWSMEN IN SAIGON AT A TIME WHEN SOCIALIST DIPLOMATS WERE NOT ABLE TO TRAVEL TO SAIGON AND OPEN THEIR EMBASSIES. HE HOPES TO RETURN TO SAIGON AFTER
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